

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 were pending in the present application. Claims 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, 16, 17, 22, and 23 were amended. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-11, 14, 15, 18-21, and 24 were cancelled. Accordingly, claims 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, 16, 17, 22, and 23 are now pending in the application.

The Examiner indicated that claims 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, 16, and 17 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten claims 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, 16, and 17 into independent form including the limitations of their respective independent claims. In addition, Applicant has amended claims 22 and 23 to include limitations similar to the limitations included within claims 3 and 16. Accordingly, Applicant believes claims 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, 16, 17, 22, and 23 to be allowable over the cited art.

The Examiner objected to the Title of the application. Applicant has amended the title per the Examiner's suggestion.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 14, 15, 18, 19, and 22-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Jue et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,611,936) (hereinafter 'Jue'). In light of the foregoing amendments, Applicant believes the rejection to now be moot.

Claims 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kamiyama (Japanese Patent Number JP 62012985) (hereinafter 'Kamiyama'). Claims 7 and 8 have been cancelled. Applicant believes the rejection to now be moot.

Claims 7, 9, and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bailey et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,548,587) (hereinafter 'Bailey'). Claims 7, 9, and 10 have been cancelled. Applicant believes the rejection to now be moot.

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bailey in view of Chin et al. (U.S. Patent Application Number 2001/0010066) (hereinafter 'Chin'). Claim 11 has been cancelled. Applicant believes the rejection to now be moot.

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jue in view of Kamiyama. Claim 20 has been cancelled. Applicant believes the rejection to now be moot.

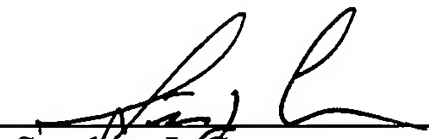
Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jue in view of Shah et al. (U.S. Patent Application Number 2003/0060995) (hereinafter 'Shah'). Claim 21 has been cancelled. Applicant believes the rejection to now be moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-43100/SJC.

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